GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1726
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TENDULEAF WORKERS
TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Tenduleaf workers working in various parts of the State of Orissa are being exploited by their employers;

(b) whether these Tenduleaf workers are not getting wages for months together;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to protect the interest of the workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d) : As per information received from the Government of Orissa, the State Government collects the TenduLeaf through the Forest Department. The Tendu Leaf Workers are paid wages at piece rate. The required funds for collection of Tendu Leaves are advanced by the Orissa Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (O.F.D.C.) and all out efforts are made for timely payment of wages to the Tendu Leaf workers. Steps have been taken to ensure the payment of wages to these workers.